

**Listing of the Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) Coin distributor containing a deflection unit which has a moveable deflection member for sorting coins into different coin shafts, and at least one device for detecting the passage of a coin through a coin shaft, at least one device including at least one emitter, a beam deflector and a beam receiver, characterized in that the beam deflector is secured to the moveable deflection member.

2. (Original) Coin distributor according to claim 1, characterized in that a first and a second device for detecting the passage of a coin are provided, the direction of a coin along a coin path in at least one coin shaft being capable of being detected from the signals of the beam receivers.

3. (Original) Coin distributor according to claim 2, characterized in that the first device for detecting the passage of a coin is arranged on the moveable deflection member, and the second device is arranged downstream or upstream in respect of the coin path.

4. (Original) Coin distributor according to claim 1, characterized in that the emitter is an infrared light-emitting diode.

5. (Previously Presented) Coin distributor according to claim 1, characterized in that the beam deflector is at least one of a mirror and a prism, which deflects a beam emitted by the at least one emitter at least once.

6. (Original) Coin distributor according to claim 1, characterized in that the beam receiver is an infrared light receiver.

7. (Original) Coin distributor according to claim 1, characterized in that the coin shafts are at least one of a return shaft and one or more acceptance shafts.

8. (Original) Coin distributor according to claim 1, characterized in that the moveable deflection member is a at least one of a deflection device which can be displaced in translation and a pivotable flap.

9. (Previously Presented) Coin distributor according to claim 1, characterized in that the beam deflector is so designed that, when a beam emitted by the at least one emitter is not blocked by a coin and the radiant power of the emitter remains the same, the quantity of radiation received by the beam receiver remains substantially the same.

10. (Previously Presented) The coin distributor according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the beam deflector is always substantially perpendicular to a beam emitted by at least one of the beam emitters.

11. (Previously Presented) The coin distributor according to claim 1, wherein an electromagnet drives the moveable deflection member.

12. (Presently Amended) A coin distributor containing a deflection unit which has a moveable deflection member for sorting coins into different coin shafts, and at least one device for detecting the passage of a coin through a coin shaft, the at least one device including at least one emitter, a beam deflector and a beam receiver, characterized in that the beam deflector is secured in fixed relation to the movable deflection member.

13. (Previously Presented) The coin distributor according to claim 12, wherein a surface of the beam deflector is always substantially perpendicular to a beam emitted by at least one of the beam emitters.

14. (Previously Presented) The coin distributor according to claim 12, wherein an electromagnet drives the moveable deflection member.